



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 185

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: January 18, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 185 (Health and Human Services Committee) Change provisions relating to health and human services.

LB 185 is the annual “cleanup bill” requested by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System (HHSS). The bill contains the emergency clause for portions of the bill and makes the following changes:

Medical Assistance Act (sections 1-3, 10, and 13)

The bill updates a reference to federal law in section 68-901. The bill makes technical changes to Medicaid estate recovery and spousal impoverishment provisions.

Birth Legitimization Records (section 4)

The bill permits HHSS to provide a copy of the evidence upon which a legitimization record has been created to the parent of the legitimized child, or to the child, if the child is 19 years of age or older.

Nursing Assistants (section 5)

The bill prohibits a licensed registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) who has their license revoked, suspended, or voluntarily surrendered from acting as a nursing assistant in a nursing home. A person’s registration as a nursing assistance becomes null and void on the date that he or she becomes licensed as an RN or LPN. A person listed on the nursing assistant registry with a finding of conviction may appeal after a year to have the finding removed.

Medication Aides (sections 6, 7)

The bill prohibits a licensed registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) who has their license revoked, suspended, or voluntarily surrendered from registering as a medication aide. A person’s registration as a medication aide becomes null and void on the date that he or she becomes licensed as an RN or LPN. A person whose registration as a medication aide has been denied, refused renewal, or removed from the medication aide registry may reapply to

register or for a lifting of the disciplinary sanction after one year from the date the registration was denied, refused renewal, or removed from the registry.

Cancer Registries (sections 8, 9)

The bill changes a reference to cancer registries located in another state to also include cancer registries located outside of the United States.

Operative Dates/Emergency Clause (sections 10, 13)

Section 1 of the bill becomes operative with the emergency clause. Other sections become operative three calendar months after the Legislature adjourns.

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